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SUBJECT: Sixth Meeting of the Libyan-American Reconstruction Commission
Joint Embassy-USOM/L Message

The sixth meeting of the Libyan-American Reconstruction Commission was held on August 6, 1955. The Embassy-USOM/L transmit, as Enclosure No. 1, the minutes of the meeting and two appendices. Appendix 1 presents an estimate of the funds which will be needed for disbursement by LARC over the succeeding three months. Appendix 2 presents a revised financial procedure for LARC, incorporating certain amendments ordered or suggested by the Commission during the sixth meeting.

The transfer of funds recommended in Appendix 1 was approved by LARC and two checks in the amounts shown were issued by USOM/L to LARC. The transfer of the amount to be deposited in Barclay's Bank, Tripoli, was arranged by Barclay's with no charge.

During the meeting, Mr. Gordon, Director, USOM/L, requested that certain alterations be made to the remarks attributed to him in the minutes of the third meeting (May 3 and 4). The Commission approved the changes, and they are transmitted as Enclosure No. 2 to this despatch.

The Chairman of the Commission, Ali Sahli, requested brief reports from certain members and observers concerning the work of other agencies or committees whose actions are of interest to LARC. These agencies included Point IV, the Economic Planning Committee, the Federal Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Special Committee on the Fezzan and LARC's Policy Committee.

The minutes of the meeting are self-explanatory on the other items of business taken up at the sixth meeting.

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Enclosures:
1. Minutes of Sixth Meeting
2. Corrections to Minutes of Third Meeting

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Corrections to Minutes of LARC's Third Meeting, May 3 and 4, 1955

Page 4, lines 19 and 18 from bottom: Delete and substitute

"Mr. Gordon asked whether the possibilities of private financing for the purchase of the power plant had been explored thoroughly."

Page 5, lines 17 to 19 from bottom: Delete and substitute

"Mr. Gordon explained the type of institution of higher learning, or a university, which he and USOM would favor establishing. He believed that although the institution might be called a university, it should actually begin as a junior college and should gradually grow. He pointed out that there was a possibility that if LARC should finance the establishment of such an institution, some assistance might be given on a continuing basis by USOM. This might take the form of a contract with a university in the US which would act as a parent institution to the Libyan University and would make available to this new university part-time and long-term specialists to assist in its development. This has been done under Point 4 in several other countries. He suggested that if the Commission desired, USOM could arrange immediately for a team of specialists to come to Libya to study the university question and submit proposals as to the type of institution which might best serve Libya's needs. USOM/L already had set aside some money for this purpose this fiscal year."

Page 5, lines 7 to 4 from bottom: Delete and substitute

"Mr. Gordon commented that when he proposed earlier that a team of specialists be brought to Libya to study the establishment of the university there had been no discussion. He wished to have a clear expression from the Commission as to whether it wanted such a study to be made.

"The Commission indicated that USOM should proceed with the plan to have a team of specialists come to Libya for that purpose."

Page 7, lines 5 to 3 from bottom: Delete and substitute

"Mr. Gordon. 'It seems to me that comprehensive programs should be developed in all fields so that both LARC and other agencies would have something against which to measure specific proposals. I would like to see the Education Committee come up with a report in a few months time which would show the cost of providing schools for all children in Libya and indicating what part of that need is being met by the regular Government's education program.' "

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Page 8, lines 20 to 17 from bottom: Delete and substitute

"Mr. Gordon. 'There is no limitation upon the percentage of money on technical assistance which can be spent for training. There is really no limitation except the number of qualified people available that can benefit from it. So I do not think there is going to be any problem.'"

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